

## SEVENTH DAY

(Tuesday, June 2, 1959)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Moffett
Baker	Moore
Bradshaw	Owen
Colson	Parkhouse
Crump	Phillips
Dies	Reagan
Fly	Roberts
Gonzalez	Rogers
Hardeman	Secrest
Hazlewood	Smith
Hudson	Weinert
Krueger	Willis
Lane	Wood
Martin	

## Absent—Excused

Fuller	Kazen
Herring	Ratliff

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation as follows:

"Our Father, Thou hast told us that a tree is known by its fruit, and a corrupt tree can not bear good fruit. Teach us now that the greatest service we can render our State is to live a good life, and be like Him who went about doing good. In His name we pray. Amen."

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

## Leaves of Absence

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness in the family on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senator Fuller was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Parkhouse.

Senator Kazen was granted leave of absence for today on account of

important business on motion of Senator Crump.

Senator Herring was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Rogers.

## Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas,  
June 2, 1959

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 7, Granting permission to Lois Bryan and J. W. Bryan to sue the State of Texas and the Texas Highway Department.

H. C. R. No. 8, Granting permission to Herbert Clubb to sue the State of Texas and the State Highway Department.

H. C. R. No. 13, Granting permission to Maurice G. Wogan to sue the State of Texas and/or the Texas Prison System.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

## Senate Resolution 45

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have in the gallery of the Senate, the La Marque Girl Scout Troop 17, accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. W. C. Tunal, Mrs. E. H. Oldag, and Mrs. H. W. Ferguson; and

Whereas, These students of today are the citizens, leaders, and statesmen of tomorrow, who, with the acceptance, of democracy's heritage, must carry on the responsibilities of self-government; and

Whereas, It is highly commendable that these young people are demonstrating, by their visit in the Senate, an interest in the processes of their state government; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to these students a cordial welcome; and that a copy of this Resolution, bearing the official seal of the Senate, be

sent to them in appreciation of their visit.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Phillips by unanimous consent presented the Girl Scouts and their leaders to the Members of the Senate.

#### Senate Resolution 46

Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Dr. George J. Beto has resigned as President of Concordia Lutheran College to become President of Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois; and

Whereas, The Senate has received this information with mixed emotions in that we are happy for this distinguished citizen and outstanding educator to receive the promotion, but sincerely sorry to know that he will be leaving our State; and

Whereas, Dr. Beto has rendered Texas an outstanding service by serving as a member of the State Board of Corrections, and the Senate desires to express our deep appreciation for his unselfish and outstanding service and wish for him every success in his new position; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution, duly signed by the Presiding Officer and the Secretary of the Senate, together with the Seal of the Senate affixed thereon, be delivered to Dr. Beto expressing our sincere appreciation, our admiration for him and the high esteem in which we hold him.

AIKIN  
PARKHOUSE  
COLSON

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Baker, Bradshaw, Crump, Dies, Fly, Fuller, Gonzalez, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Herring, Hudson, Kazen, Krueger, Lane, Martin, Moffett, Moore, Owen, Phillips, Ratliff, Reagan, Roberts, Rogers, Secrest, Smith, Weinert, Willis, Wood.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Hardeman and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 47

Senator Hudson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On May 17, 1959, American Air Lines inaugurated its turbo prop-jet "Electar" airliner flight from Fort Worth to New York; and

Whereas, It has come to the attention of the Texas Senate that the Captain who was in charge of this flight is the outstanding pilot, A. R. (Skeet) Perkins, formerly of McAllen, and the son of P. M. Perkins and the late Mrs. P. M. Perkins of McAllen; and

Whereas, Captain Perkins pioneered the airline industry, having started in 1928 with Southern Air Transport, which later became American Air Lines; he was one of six pilots who started with the new company. The day the Jet flight was originated marked the thirtieth anniversary of Skeet's service with American Air Lines, at which time he was presented with a thirty-year service pin in a fitting ceremony preceding the flight. Among other "firsts," Captain Perkins carried the first air mail out of Houston, and made the first regularly scheduled airline flight by American to Mexico City. Because of his many years of flying various types of planes, his brother, D. C., has appropriately remarked: "He has gone from 'Jennies' to Jets"; and

Whereas, The Texas Senate, in its first called session of the Fifty-Sixth Legislature, wishes to give recognition to this outstanding pilot for his contribution to the air travel of this Nation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of the State of Texas that this body joins with the American Air Lines, and the many friends of Skeet Perkins in congratulations and appreciation to him for his years of civic and professional service to his State and to his Nation; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Captain Perkins as a token of our esteem and good wishes.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 48

Senator Rogers offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Miss Ruth Fite of Chil-

dress, Texas, is a young lady of highest courage, character and faith and an inspiration to the people of that entire area; and

Whereas, Miss Fite, while a senior in High School, was injured in an accident which has kept her confined to her bed and wheel chair for most of the past twelve years; and

Whereas, She has shown remarkable and unusual spirit and determination and in spite of her handicap has spent the past twelve years bringing cheer and encouragement to all who came her way and has exemplified to the highest degree in her daily life the ideal set forth in the poem: "Let me live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man"; and

Whereas, By her patient, cheerful attitude, her faith in God, her devotion to her church, and her deep and abiding love for her friends and family, Miss Fite has displayed the highest form of selflessness and compassion; and

Whereas, All who know her and have been in her presence have come away better men and women; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas recognize and offer its best wishes and highest esteem to this outstanding young lady; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to her with the compliments of this Body.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Bills on First Reading

By unanimous consent the following bills were introduced, read first time and referred to the Committees indicated:

By Senators Rogers and Hazlewood:

S. B. No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Game and Fish Commission to transfer and convey certain lands in Hemphill County, Texas to the Adobe Walls Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America; providing that the consideration for the sale and transfer shall not be less than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00); and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Lane:

S. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 465, Acts of Regular Session of the 52nd Legislature, 1951, and appearing as Section 4 in Article 759a of Vernon's Code of Criminal Procedure relating to the filing of Statement of Facts in criminal proceedings; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Martin:

S. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) heretofore appropriated to the Gatesville State School for Boys in item 7 of the appropriation to said school in Chapter 385, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957 to be expended by the State Youth Council for the purposes stated in item 6 of the appropriation to the Gatesville State School for Boys in Chapter 385, Acts of the 55th Legislature, Regular Session, 1957; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

By Senator Willis:

S. B. No. 9, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of Section 2, Article XX of Chapter 184, Acts of the Forty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, as amended, changing the amounts to be allocated from the Clearance Fund to the Blind Assistance Fund, the Children's Assistance Fund, and the Old Age Assistance Fund and allowing certain credits from the first revenues collected to be deposited to these funds; fixing the operative date of the amendment; and declaring an emergency."

To the Committee on Finance.

#### Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
June 2, 1959.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. C. R. No. 17, Granting permission to John I. Cave and A. B. Cave to sue the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY HALLMAN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

**Co-Author of Senate Bill 6**

On motion of Senator Rogers and by unanimous consent Senator Hazlewood will be shown as co-author of S. B. No. 6.

**Senate Resolution 49**

Senator Krueger offered the following resolution:

Whereas, In the City of Houston on June 2, 1909, Felix B. Secrest of Georgetown was united in marriage with Miss Florence Jarrard of Houston; and

Whereas, For the past fifty years, this couple has resided in Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas, and have been active in the church, civic, and social life of that community; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Secrest are the parents of two sons, Felix B. Secrest, Jr. of Houston and Jarrard Secrest of Temple, the latter being a Member of the Senate of Texas, and the grandparents of three fine grandsons, Felix B. Secrest III of Houston, Jarrard Tinsley Secrest and Robert Randolph Secrest of Temple; and

Whereas, These two people are active members of the First Methodist Church of Georgetown; Mr. Secrest serving as Treasurer and a member of the Official Board and Mrs. Secrest having served as President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, of which she is a life service member; and

Whereas, Mr. Secrest served as Postmaster of the City of Georgetown until his retirement on October 1, 1952, his period of service in the Georgetown post office having spanned forty-eight years; he also being a member of all Masonic bodies in Georgetown, having served as Worshipful Master of his lodge, Secretary of the I.O.O.F. Lodge for a period of 50 years, a member of the Lions Club, and President of the Georgetown Building and Loan Association; and

Whereas, Mrs. Secrest is a past president and a member for 50 years of the Georgetown Women's Club, and with her husband, a charter member of the Thursday Night Supper Club; and

Whereas, The sons and daughters-in-law of this fine Christian couple, are to be hosts at a reception Sunday afternoon, June 7, at the family home in Georgetown for the many friends

of their parents; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That Mr. and Mrs. Secrest be congratulated on having reached their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and that the Senate of Texas extend its best wishes and express its admiration for these fine citizens, for the lives they have lived, and for the examples of good citizenship they have furnished for their family, friends, and fellow townsmen; that Mr. and Mrs. Secrest be extended the privileges of the floor for the day, and that copies of this resolution be furnished to them in commemoration of this occasion.

HERRING  
KRUEGER

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Aikin, Baker, Bradshaw, Colson, Crump, Dies, Fly, Fuller, Gonzalez, Hardeman, Hazlewood, Hudson, Kazen, Lane, Martin, Moffett, Moore, Owen, Parkhouse, Phillips, Ratliff, Reagan, Roberts, Rogers, Secrest, Smith, Weinert, Willis, Wood.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted.

**Senate Resolution 50**

Senator Moffett offered the following resolution:

Whereas, We are honored today to have as visitors in the Senate Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, prominent civic leaders of Wichita Falls, Texas; and

Whereas, We desire to welcome these distinguished guests to the Capitol Building and Capital City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That their presence be recognized by the Senate of Texas and that they be extended the privileges of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Senator Moffett by unanimous consent presented Mr. and Mrs. Wood to the Members of the Senate.

**House Concurrent Resolutions  
on First Reading**

The following resolutions received

from the House, were read the first time and referred to the committees indicated.

H. C. R. No. 17, Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. C. R. No. 7, Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. C. R. No. 8, Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

H. C. R. No. 13, Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

### **Recess**

On motion of Senator Hardeman the Senate at 11:02 o'clock a.m. took recess until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

**In Memory of**  
**Roy Bedichek**

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Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 44)

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from these earthly labors a great American and an outstanding Texan, Roy Bedichek; and

Whereas, Mr. Bedichek was born in Cass County, Illinois, in 1878, was brought to Texas by his teacher parents where he grew up and lived practically the remainder of his life; and

Whereas, He was City Editor of the San Antonio Express and moved from San Antonio to Austin to become Director of Athletics for the Interscholastic Bureau in the Division of Extension of The University of Texas; and

Whereas, He served for many years as Director of the Bureau of Public School Service and the University Interscholastic League and was the guiding hand in developing it into the largest organization of its kind with a membership of more than 2,300 schools and 400,000 students; and

Whereas, Though he was recognized as a noted Texas naturalist, many of those who knew him best felt that his greatest contribution was to the youth of this State; and

Whereas, His name was probably known to more boys and girls during his years as Director of the Interscholastic League than any other man; and

Whereas, The record that he leaves has been equalled by few and excelled by none; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate in passing this resolution desires to pay tribute to the memory of one of its most outstanding citizens, known and loved by thousands of Texas children and one who had the respect of intelligent men; and be it further

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it do so out of honor and respect to this great and good man, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to members of his family.

**AIKIN**  
**HARDEMAN**

Signed—Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Baker, Bradshaw, Colson, Crump, Dies, Fly, Fuller, Gonzalez, Hazlewood, Herring, Hudson, Kazen, Krueger, Lane, Martin, Moffett, Moore, Owen, Parkhouse, Phillips, Ratliff, Reagan, Roberts, Rogers, Secrest, Smith, Weinert, Willis, Wood.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Rogers and by unanimous consent the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was then adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.